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Call Texas 811 Before You Dig – 48 Hour Notification Required

Please help us protect your employees and our facilities.

Call Texas **811**, before you plan to do any digging in Private property, highways, streets, alley or easements in this area. This FREE service contacts all utility companies such as water, sewer, gas, cable, and electric companies advising them of your intent to excavate.

The State of Texas has passed a new law on underground pipeline damage prevention. It is your responsibility to know this new rule as a Contractor or Homeowner. You can find the new rules and penalties for these violations by going to the Texas Railroad Commission web site at www.rrc.state.tx.us

1. Click on > Rules and regulations, > Current Rules
2. Click on > Chapter 18 (Underground pipeline and damage prevention)

The City of Navasota will be glad to locate and mark all of its underground pipe lines in your area of excavation between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Lines will not be located on weekends except in an emergency. This service is available in all areas served by the City of Navasota and will performed without charge.

The City of Navasota and the Dig Safely Program stresses that safe excavation is a four-step process.

1. CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

- Texas Law requires an excavator to Call **Texas 811** prior to excavation.
- **Texas 811** is available (24 – hours a day, 7 days a week. Using the DIG TESS Center is completely FREE! Dig Tess Call Center notifies electric, water, sewer, gas, phone, and cable companies of your planned excavation.

2. WAIT THE REQUIRED AMOUNT OF TIME.

- Texas Law requires at least 2 working days notice before beginning excavation. That is exactly 48 hours from the time you placed your request with the **Texas 811** Call Center.
- If you plan to work on a Saturday, **call no later than Wednesday!**

3. RESPECT THE MARKS

- If necessary, the utilities or their agents will mark the appropriate location of buried facilities, using paint, flags, stakes or a combination.
- Excavators are encouraged to outline the excavation area in white paint to aid in the location process.
- **During the project, it is the excavator's responsibility to make sure the utility marks remain visible.** If the marks are obliterated, the excavator must call **Texas 811** Center for a re-mark.
- Locates are good for 10 Days only.

4. DIG SAFELY

- Once the work begins, it is up to the excavator to use safe, accepted digging practices. Regardless of how careful the preparation has been, the excavator must work in a prudent and careful manner. Chapter 18 requires hand digging only near the marked area when excavating.:

You must wait the required 48 hours. Contact **Texas (811.)** The City of Navasota will mark its underground pipelines accordingly with Paint or Flags

Identification of Lines:

Yellow – Gas Lines

Orange- Communications/Phone

Blue – Water Lines

Red- Electric

Green – Sewer Lines

Purple – Reclaimed Water

White- Planned area of excavation

Utilities will not be located on weekends or Holidays except in an emergency type situation. If for some reason you have damaged a city water, sewer or gas line, please **do not cover or backfill.**

If a **Natural Gas** pipeline has been damaged take the necessary safety precautions and contact **911 and the Texas 811** notification center. Damages to Water or Sewer lines should be reported to Public Works at (936) 825-6450, or Police dispatch (936) 8256410 when offices are closed.

Thank you for your cooperation. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (936) 825-6450.

Sincerely,

Jeff Greer
Public Works Utility Director
City of Navasota